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Hongkong, China, and Manila. [12-10]

By telegram dated London, 18th July, ENO'S ASSORT, of Yokohama, aged 42 years.

DEATH.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JULY 21ST, 1900.

Once more the Yellow River, ever ready to justify its name of "China's Sorrow," has burst its banks and poured its erratic flood over the wide plains of Shantung and Chihli. This time with such velocity and force that the country round Tangchow, almost at the gates of the capital, is inundated.

The Tientsin correspondent of our Shanghai evening contemporary, who is the authority for the above announcement, says that the summer frosts coming near Lung Wang Miao, where the Grand Canal enters the Yellow River in Shantung, caused it to break its banks and lay the country under water for some 200 feet deep. The Grand Canal then poured its muddy stream into the Peiho river, and the tributaries of the latter having also overflowed vast districts are under water. This is nothing new, of course; the intractable Yellow River overflows annually pretty well now; but the area of inundation this time would seem to have sensibly widened. The disaster is remediable, at a price, and the nearer it is brought home to the apathetic Government at Peking the better. Had the floodlike rolled under the walls of the capital itself instead of round Tangchow, the effect would doubtless have been more startling to the mandarins, but its appearance near Tangchow ought to be sufficient, after all the lamentable experiences of former years in the devastation of whole provinces by this unruly torrent, to stir the Board of Works into taking immediate measures, no matter at what cost, to effectually confine it within its banks.

Foreign engineers could undertake the work, provided they were allowed a free hand, and not hampered by native ignorance and conceit. The outlay would soon be recouped were the mouth of the river dredged, and its course rendered navigable from the sea, by the trade that would spring up along it in the vast area of fertile land reclaimed from its ravages.

A revolutionary epidemic seems to have broken out in South and Central America. It is not many months since the military revolt under General Forsasca, substituted anarchy in Brazil for the liberal rule of the enlightened Emperor Dom Pedro. Scarcely a month ago a premeditated revolt occurred in Salvador, which caused the death—some say by foul means—of President Menezes. Now we hear that a military outbreak has taken place in Buenos Ayres, the President has fled, and the rebels have proclaimed a revolutionary Government. The last is perhaps not the least important revolution. The Argentine Republic is one of the most prosperous and flourishing of the States in South America. It has an area of 1,124,068 square miles, and a population of over four millions, of whom more than a million are Europeans. Its capital, Buenos Ayres, has a

population including suburbs, of 598,895, and this city is the handsomest and most important in South America. The estimated revenue of the state at the beginning of this year was \$74,370,000, and the estimated expenditure \$67,881,894. The foreign debt was \$87,800,807, and the floating debt \$10,466,560. The imports in 1898 amounted to \$127,507,860 (of which \$44,944,861 came from Great Britain), and the exports to \$100,111,908, of which Great Britain's share amounted to \$17,091,411. It will thus be seen, that the Argentine Republic has a large foreign trade, and that Great Britain is extensively interested in it. A very large proportion of the bonds of the Republic is held by British capitalists, and there are upwards of 40,000 British subjects settled there. Hence any revolution there is certain to cause a flutter on the London stock exchange and excite attention in British trade centres. The needs of discontent have no doubt been germinating in Buenos Ayres for some time, and it is possible that the causes for the outbreak lie deeper than mere military ambition or disaffection. Although the revenue seems to show a very satisfactory ratio of steady expansion since 1888, when it stood at \$46,762,241, as compared with an estimated revenue of \$74,370,000 for the current year, there has evidently been a severe financial crash, for a recent telegram announced that the National Bank of Buenos Ayres had suspended payment and the financial outlook in the Argentine Republic looked bleak. Whether and how far this state of things was connected with the military revolt chronicled by Reuters we are, of course unable to say, but it probably has some connection. The President, Dr. Miguel JUAREZ CELMAN, was elected in August, 1896, and two years of his term are still unexpired. The fact that he has fled raises the presumption that he was unpopular, though if the revolutionary movement be of a purely military character it may be an attempt to set up a Dictator, as has so often been tried in other republics. The army consists of 7,000 men on the active list, 286,000 militia, and 68,000 reserve, and a clever and unscrupulous commander who had secured the affection of the troops would have little difficulty in making himself master of the situation during any crisis the result of maladministration.

In our advertisement columns will be found the prospectus of the Hyogo Hotel Co., Limited.

The delivery of the French Mail was begun at 5.35 p.m. yesterday.

The O & C steamer *Guelio* with American mails, left San Francisco on the 19th July for Yokohama and Hongkong.

The Agents (Messrs. Adamson, Bell & Co.) inform us that the C.P. steamer *Bataria* left Liverpool for Japan and Hongkong on the 25th inst.

The Agents (Messrs. Butterfield & Swire) inform us that the S.S. *Japan* will leave Liverpool for Singapore for this port yesterday.

We are here favoured by the Spanish Consul with copy of the following interesting letter, dated Madrid yesterday morning:—"Typhoon in the Pacific, east of Luzon. Direction north west."

Syed Mahmood Alaghoi, who was recently acquitted at Singapore on a charge of administering a noxious drug, and whose case gave rise to considerable comment, has been arrested on another charge arising out of the same circumstances.

News has been received at Singapore by private letter from Singapore that Mr. W. Flint, concerning whom there have been some treacherous rumours, is actually dead. It turns out, however, that he was not murdered, but died of an up-country attack while visiting the Dutch frontier.

The laying of the Kinshia Railway Co.'s line is reported (says the *Shanghai Sun*) to be progressing rapidly, and is now confidently expected that the sixth section, between Takao and Kurema, will be completed about February next. The three sections already completed are between Kurema and Kurema, between Kurema and Takao, and about June next.

The Hyogo News states the Japanese authorities have informed Mr. J. L. Flint that the consideration they have decided there are not sufficient grounds to warrant their taking any action in regard to the conduct of the police in the Chinese case. The three sections already completed are between Kurema and Kurema, between Kurema and Takao, and about June next.

The Singapore Free Press, of the 23rd inst., says:—"The steamer *Siam*, which arrived here last night, has brought with her a new lot of opium. She was brought out by Mr. T. L. L. and will run between Singapore and China ports. She has been built in Sunderland to the order of Mr. Tan Kim Ching and is much larger than the steamer *Singapore* of the same line."

At the Police Court, yesterday morning, before Mr. J. Robinson, J.P., a case of drunkenness was charged on a man named Chan, who was charged on the 25th inst. The defendant said he was unable to obtain employment, and that he had been drinking since he was discharged from the police station. He was fined 10 shillings, or in default of payment, to be imprisoned for seven days.

A correspondent writing from Seoul, Corea, to the *Poohoo Echo*, says:—"General Legendre is in the capital, housed and boarded by the Government. He is not satisfied with the natives. The people still complain of the late Government, and the large export of opium, which is a source of revenue to the Government, is a source of complaint. The people still complain of the late Government, and the large export of opium, which is a source of revenue to the Government, is a source of complaint."

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The Detective staff of the Police Force, executed a couple of warrants yesterday upon some Chinese gamblers living in Queen's Road. The result was the seizure of a large quantity of which was seized. The gamblers will appear at the Police Court to-day.

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